

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are now pending in the application. Of these pending claims, Claims 44-46 are allowed; Claims 1-19, 21-34, 36-40, and 42-43 are rejected; and Claims 20, 35 and 41 are objected to. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not a narrowing amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 & 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 6, 10, 12-17, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Eder (U.S. Pat. No. 3,092,306). Claims 1-2, 6-9 and 12-14, 16-18 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,337,141). Claims 1, 11-14, 16-18 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kanayama (U.S. Pat. No. 6,123,009). Claims 1, 6, 12-14, 16-19 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sugiura et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,378,415).

Claims 1-5, 11-14, 16-18 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,223,052). Claims 2-5, 10-11, 22-28, 32-34, 37-38 and 42-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder (U.S. Pat. No. 3,092,306). Claims 29-31 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder (U.S. Pat. No. 3,092,306 as applied to Claims 2-5, 10-11, 22-28, 32-34, 37-38 and 42-43 and further in view of Yamada et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,337,141). Claims 36 and 40 stand rejected under 35

U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eder (U.S. Pat. No. 3,092,306) as applied to Claims 2-5, 10-11, 22-28 32-34, 37-38 and 42-43 and further in view of Sugiura (U.S. Pat. No. 6,378,415). Claims 3-5, 11, 19 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,337,141). Claims 2-5 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanayama (U.S. Pat. No. 6,123,009). Claims 2-5 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiura et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,378,415). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to independent Claims 1, 16, 23, and 37 which contain the limitation that the sprayed metallic layer is disposed on an exterior or outside surface of the compressor. Applicants note that while many of the references depict the use of sprayed or metallic coatings on a compressor component, none of the references teach a metallic layer disposed on an exterior surface of the compressor to inhibit corrosion. As each of the independent claims contain these limitations and none of the references contain these limitations, Applicants assert that rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103 is improper.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER


The Examiner states that Claims 20, 35 and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 20, 35, and 41 to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, Claims 20, 35, 41, and 44-46 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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